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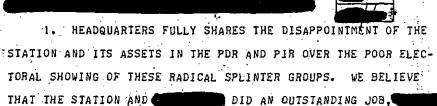
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DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB.

HELPING PIR LEADERS TO BUILD A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, TO WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH THE PDR, AND TO CONDUCT AN INTELLIGENT AND ENERGETIC CAMPAIGN. THE FACT THAT INDEPENDENT OBSERVERS, INCLUDING LOCAL OFFICERS, COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON THE EXCELLENCE OF THE PIR'S CAMPAIGN EFFORT PROVIDES CONFIRMATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF YOUR EFFORTS, AND ALSO SUPPORTS THE TENTATIVE EXPLANATION SET FORTH THAT VOTERS IN THE CURRENT POLARIZED POLITICAL CLIMATE GRAVI-TATED NATURALLY TO THE LARGER PARTIES, SO THAT NO AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS OR OF EXTRA EFFORT WOULD HAVE CHANGED THE ELECTORAL OUTCOME TO ANY SIGNIFICANT EXTENT. ALL THE SMALL PARTIES RAN VERY POORLY, AND THE CEN RADICALS DID NOT DO VERY WELL EVEN WITH THE DOUBLE ADVANTAGE OF GOVERNMENT PATRONAGE AND COMMUNIST SUPPORT.

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INTO THE CEN RADICAL CAMP. WE ASSUME THAT YOU WILL BE FORWARD-ING YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE FUTURE OF BOTH THE PDR AND THE PIR IN DUE COURSE. IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE ASSURE APPROPRIATE ASSETS

THAT WE BOTH SYMPATHIZE WITH THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT AND APPRECIATE THEIR EFFORTS.

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